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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing energy consumption of a device, the method comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of power modes, wherein the power mode is associated with energy consumption of the device;

ascertaining the proximity of an user to the device; and, wherein an RFID tag and

RFID tag detector are used in connection with ascertaining the proximity of the user to

the device; and

adjusting the energy consumption of the device, whereby the energy consumption is adjusted selecting the power mode based upon the proximity of the user to the device.

- 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein energy is provided to the device by batteries.
 - 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 Claim 1, wherein the RFID tag is an active RFID tag.

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- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 Claim 1, wherein the energy consumption of the device is decreased when the user is not proximate to the device.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of Glaim 3 Claim 1, wherein the proximity of the user to the device at which the energy consumption of the device is adjusted may be varied.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A system for managing energy consumption of a device, comprising:

defining a plurality of power modes, wherein the power mode is associated with energy consumption of the device;

an arrangement for ascertaining the proximity of an user to the device; and, wherein an RFID tag and RFID tag detector are used in connection with ascertaining the proximity of the user to the device; and

an arrangement for adjusting the energy consumption of the device, whereby the energy consumption is adjusted selecting the power mode based upon the proximity of the user to the device.

- 8. (Original) The system of Claim 7, wherein energy is provided to the device by batteries.
 - 9. (Cancelled)

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- 10. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9 Claim 7, wherein the RFID tag is an active RFID tag.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9 Claim 7, wherein the energy consumption of the device is decreased when the user is not proximate to the device.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9 Claim 7, wherein the proximity of the user to the device at which the energy consumption of the device is adjusted may be varied.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for managing energy consumption of a device, said method comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of power modes, wherein the power mode is associated with energy consumption of the device;

ascertaining the proximity of an user to the device; and, wherein an RFID tag and RFID tag detector are used in connection with ascertaining the proximity of the user to the device; and

adjusting the energy consumption of the device, whereby the energy consumption is adjusted selecting the power mode based upon the proximity of the user to the device.

14. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein said RFID tag detector is centrally located and operatively coupled to a plurality of devices.

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- 15. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UPIN associated with the RFID tag.
- 16. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UGIN associated with the RFID tag.
- 17. (New) The method of Claim 7, wherein said RFID tag detector is centrally located and operatively coupled to a plurality of devices.
- 18. (New) The system of Claim 7, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UPIN associated with the RFID tag.
- 19. (New) The system of Claim 7, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UGIN associated with the RFID tag.
- 20. (New) The program storage device of Claim 13, wherein said RFID tag detector is centrally located and operatively coupled to a plurality of devices.
- 21. (New) The program storage device Claim 13, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UPIN associated with the RFID tag.
- 22. (New) The program storage device of Claim 13, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UGIN associated with the RFID tag.